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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- In an act of support for greater government accountability and protections for federal government whistleblowers, Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) today voted in support of H.R. 985.

Specifically, the measure gives whistleblower protection to federal workers specializing in national security issues, and improves protection for employees of federal contractors who report on waste fraud and abuses of taxpayers dollars. It also protects employees who report on the federal government manipulating of science.

- Whistleblowers have been critical in exposing waste, fraud and abuse in government and in corporations and we must be sure that they are protected to restore government accountability. Whistleblowers have also been key in protecting the health and safety of Americans, by revealing failures in prescription drug approval process and airline safety vulnerabilities for example.

- Bunnatine "Bunny" H. Greenhouse, a former chief civilian contracting officer for the Army Corps of Engineers exposed illegality in the no-bid contracts for reconstruction in Iraq by a Halliburton subsidiary.

- Other Halliburton whistleblowers include Marie DeYoung, who audited accounts for Halliburton's subsidiary KBR, who produced documents detailing alleged waste even on routine services: \$50,000 a month for soda, at \$45 a case; \$1 million a month to clean clothes — or \$100 for each 15-pound bag of laundry. [NBC, 7/26/04]

- Other notable whistleblowers have included Sherrin Wadkins of Enron, who exposed corporate financial scandals, and Colleen Rowley of the FBI, who outlined the agency's slow action prior to the September 11, 2001 attacks.

STATEMENT

"Federal workers and others deserve our protection for doing what's right when government's gone wrong. □ They, along with the American people, need to know how committed we are in making sure they do not stand alone when it comes to exposing waste, fighting mismanagement, or even worse misconduct."

Congressman Russ Carnahan,